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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 26, 2007

**1. Call to order.**

The 321<sup>st</sup> joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:41p.m. on March 26, 2007 at the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, Alan Kishbaugh was elected Acting Chair of the Advisory Committee.

**2. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Bryan Cash, Woody Smeck, Jerome C. Daniel, Antonio Gonzalez, Ron Schafer, Vice Chair and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following member was absent: Jim Berkus. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Ed Begley, Jr., and Linda Parks.

**3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Mary Sue Maurer, Richard Gould, Mark Johnson, John McCord, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Marc Stirdivant, Garen Yegparian, and Alan Kishbaugh, Acting Chairperson. A Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Michael Hurley, Dennis Seider, William Koehler, Nancy Stephens, Rich Toyon, Timothy Wendler, Liane Weintraub, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

**4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff, and Laura Plotkin.

**5. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of November 20, 2006, November 29, 2006, January 22, 2007, and February 26, 2007 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of November 20, 2006, November 29, 2006, January 22, 2007, and February 26, 2007 were adopted as amended.

**6. Reports.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair, Woody Smeck representing the National Park Service, Ron Schafer representing State Parks, Michael Berger representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, the Executive Director, and Walt Younger representing the Ranger Services division of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read.

Comments were made by Mr. Smeck.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Smeck.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by Mr. Smeck.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Young.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Young, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Rishoff.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comment were made by the Chair.

**7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Ms. Maurer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Rosen.

Comments by Ms. Maurer, and Mr. Brown.

**8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Don Mullally, representing the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park Consortium, on matters not on the agenda.

Bow Bowman, representing the City of Malibu, on item 15.

Nina Royal, representing Sunland-Tujunga Safety and Emergency Response Volunteer Services, on item 12.

Cindy Cleghorn, representing Sundland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, on item 12.

Elaine Brown, representing Riverwood Ranch, on item 12.

Mary Benson, representing the Los Angeles Trails Project, on item 12.

Fran Bibian, member of the public, on matters not on the agenda.

**9. Consent Calendar:**

**a. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61553, 22255 Mulholland Drive, Woodland Hills.**

**b. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on proposed Ordinance For Stream Protection.**

Item 9(a) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-15.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 07-15.

**9(a). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 61553, 22255 Mulholland Drive, Woodland Hills.**

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-14.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-14.

The Executive Director announced the need for an emergency item to be added which came up after the posting the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Gould of the Advisory Committee, and Mr. Schafer of the Governing Board, duly seconded, the Conservancy made the finding that the following item would be added to the agenda.

**9(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the California Institute of Public Affairs.**

Questions were propounded by Ms. Maurer.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Read.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gould.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-15(a).

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-15(a).

**10. Presentation, discussion, and comment letter on Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Carol Armstrong, and Ms. Jill Sourial.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Ms. Armstrong.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Cacciotti.

Comments were made by Ms. Sourial, and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gonzalez.

Comments were made by Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Sourial, Mr. Smeck, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-16.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-16.

**11. Presentation and discussion of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's previously adopted Evaluation Criteria for Land Acquisition and Park Development and Improvements projects, and review of Workprogram.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chief Deputy Direct, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Ms. Parks, and Messrs. Brown, Smeck, and Daniel.

Questions were propounded by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, and Messrs. Daniel and Kishbaugh.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Gonzalez.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Ms. Parks.

**12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles regarding conditions of approval compliance of the Angeles National Golf Course, Big Tujunga Wash, Sunland-Tujunga.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Stirdivant, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-17.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for Tentative Tract Map No. 51852, Northlake Specific Plan Phase I, SCH No. 2004081092, unincorporated Castaic Lake area.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-18.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing use of Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation funds by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of 2.1 acre Encinal Canyon property, Malibu.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-19.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-19.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing approval for Wildlife Conservation Board Proposition 50 funding pursuant to Chapter 10, Section 79572 (a)(2), to the City of Malibu for its portion of the Solstice Creek Watershed fish passage restoration project.**

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Mr. Bowman and Ms. Palmer

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Mr. Bowman.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments by Mr. Bowman, the Chief Deputy Director, Mr. Smeck, and Ms. Plotkin.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-20.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Smeck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-20.

- 16. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; *Robings v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.**

No closed session was held.

**15. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 30, 2007.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE  
Chairperson